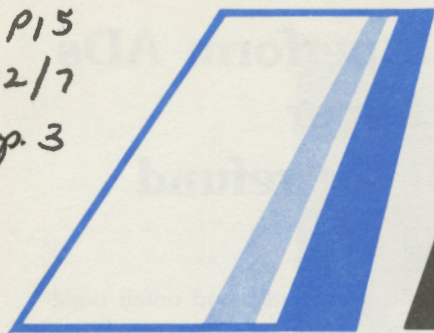


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Ground broken for new Columbia FBO

Columbia Aviation, Inc. broke ground last month for a new \$1 million fixed base operation at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport which will employ 30 people when it begins operations near the end of this year.

John Dickerson, president of the new company, has served as vice president and director of flight operations of Bankair Commuter Airlines for the past 11 years.

"I feel there is a definite need for a second FBO at Columbia because of the growth of aviation in the area," he said.

James J. "Jim" Starling, who will be vice-president and manager of the firm, is a well known and popular

figure in aviation circles throughout the southeastern states. His aviation career and interest have spanned over 37 years. He recently retired from the Columbia Federal Aviation Flight Standard District Office where he was an aviation safety inspector. He managed a facility of comparable complexity for several years in Fayetteville, N.C. prior to his tour with the federal government.

The venture will be funded by Bankair, Inc. founded in 1973 by Nettie Dickerson and her son, Charles, now President of Bankair. Bankair presently operates 15 aircraft including four prop-jets and holds an air carrier certificate.

Columbia Aviation will specialize in the sale of Exxon aviation petroleum products, aircraft maintenance, storage, rental, flight training, charter service, sales and professional pilot services on a 24-hour basis.

The facility will be constructed by Crouch Construction Co. of Irmo. Phase one will consist of a maintenance hangar, several corporate hangars, plane-ports, and an office building. Landscaping and ground improvements will be done by Robert Sox and Son.

Construction is scheduled to be completed and operations begun during the first week of November. ➔



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"Failure of dealer to perform ADs results in buyer returning aircraft for refund"

By Henry M. Burwell

Recently the Tennessee Court of Appeals determined that an aircraft dealer in Memphis would be required to accept the return of an aircraft that it sold to a person living in Texas. In the case of *Memphis Aviation Inc. v. Haverlah*, Tenn. Ct. App., 18Avi. 17,697 (1984), the court determined that the buyer had been misinformed concerning the condition of the Cessna 172 aircraft that it purchased for \$25,033. The buyer thought he was receiving a new aircraft which had never been affected by any airworthiness directives.

On the return flight to Texas, the buyer discovered the aircraft failed to function properly. The buyer was contacted by the seller and told the aircraft was subject to ADs on the crankshaft gear which seller maintained amounted to minor work to be completed within 10 days. The seller asked the buyer to take the aircraft to a nearby Cessna dealer for warranty repair work. The buyer informed seller that he wanted to return the aircraft but the seller refused to accept the return.

Thereafter the buyer sued the seller on the grounds of misrepresentation,

breach of warranty, and unfair trade practices under the Consumer Protection Act. The buyer sought to rescind the contract to obtain the refund of his purchase price and his attorney's fees plus interest and other incidental expenses. The seller took the position that there were no misrepresentations, the repairs were minor, and that the buyer had unreasonably refused to obtain warranty work at a nearby Cessna dealer.

The Appeals Court decided that the buyer was entitled to return the aircraft, obtain his expenses and attorney's fees but less an offset for failing to validate the warranty of the Tennessee dealer. The court justified its decision on the grounds the plaintiff wanted a new aircraft and this his faith had been "shaken" in the reliability of the equipment as a result of the discovery of the ADs. By this decision the court allowed the buyer to revoke his acceptance of the aircraft because its value was "substantially impaired" under its Uniform Commercial Code of Tennessee.

Mr. Burwell is a partner in the firm of Barringer, Allen, Pinnix and Burwell, Greenville, S.C.

Information sought in avionics theft

The Union County Sheriff's Department is seeking information regarding the theft of avionics equipment from an aircraft at the Union County Airport.

The following equipment was taken from a Piper Seneca III, N4302N, between May 13 and May 26:

- 1 KWX56 King Gold Crown III color weather radar.
- 1 KT96 Silver Crown airborne radio telephone
- 1 KNS81 VOR/LOC/GS/RNAV integrated nav system

- 1 KMA24 audio panel with 3-light marker beacon
- 1 KT79 Silver Crown transponder
- 1 KX165 NAV/COM system
- 1 KY197 COM transceiver
- 1 KR87 digital ADF

If anyone has any information about the theft or the equipment, please contact David F. Baldwin, chief deputy, Union County Sheriff's Department at 803/427-6234. ➔

Bamberg Gets Fuel



Work crews from Bamberg County and Edisto Electric Co-op work to install a 9,000 gallon underground fuel tank at the Bamberg County Airport. Steve Kellett, the new FBO, will sell Phillips 66 100 LL avgas for \$1.73 a gallon.

Steve Kellett opens Bamberg County FBO

On June 1, Steve Kellett opened shop as the new FBO at Bamberg County Airport.

Steve, a certified flight instructor (CFI) and A & P Mechanic will offer flight instruction and biennial flight checks as well as aircraft maintenance including 100 hour and annual inspections.

A few days before his official opening, work crews installed a 9,000 gallon underground fuel tank on the airport. Kellett, a Phillips 66 dealer, will sell 100 LL fuel for \$1.73 a gallon, including tax.

"This is .19 a gallon cheaper than most of the state...that's going to be

my regular price," he promised.

Kellett's temporary business hours are:

Monday	11 am - 9 pm
Tuesday	7 am - 9 pm
Wednesday	7 am - 5 pm
Thursday	11 am - 9 pm
Friday	7 am - 9 pm
Saturday	7 am - 9 pm
Sunday	3 pm - 6 pm

Kellett said the above hours will be extended after runway lights are installed. If you have any questions or need any particular information about the airport, please call him at 803/245-9152.

Breakfast Club



The S.C. Breakfast Club meets every other Sunday at 10 a.m. Scheduled meetings through Nov. 18 are as follows:

July 15	Hogan Field (private strip near Eastover)
July 29	Laurens County, Laurens
August 12	Darlington County, Dovesville
August 26	Clemson-Oconee County Clemson
Sept. 9	Davis Field Estill
Sept. 23	Newberry Municipal Newberry





Strand tower is re-opened

The control tower at Grand Strand Airport, which was closed by the FAA during the controller's strike in 1981, was re-opened May 7 by a private air traffic control company.

Leo Wiggins, former FAA tower chief at Grand Strand, is now president of OMNI Air Traffic Control Services, Inc. Wiggins and his men are manning the tower from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and finding plenty to keep them busy.

"In May, we had over 7,000 operations," Wiggins said. From June 1 to June 22, we recorded 9,479 operations. We're averaging 400 operations a day," he said.

The controllers that work for Wiggins are mostly former military personnel that are past the age limit for federal ATC employment. None of his men are fired FAA controllers.

Wiggins said Omni is opening Newbern, N.C. tower July 9 and is looking at a couple of other locations in South Carolina.

The Horry County Airport Commission has been trying to get the Strand tower re-opened since it closed two and a half years ago. Through the efforts of Sixth District Congressman Robert M. Tallon and Airport Director Robert Pasqualicchio, a federal FAA grant was obtained earlier this year to fund the tower operation. ➔

Technician, instructor of year to be selected

The distribution of more than 60,000 applications and 3,000 posters kicked off this year's Maintenance Technician and Flight Instructor of the Year Award Program, an annual event which recognizes and honors top individuals in the nation in these two categories.

The award winners will receive national attention, a free trip to Washington, D.C., and valuable merchandise and cash gifts.

The national winners of the award competition are selected from winners

in each of the FAA regions. The winners are flown to Washington, D.C. for the ceremony at FAA and a luncheon in their honor.

Eligibility for Flight Instructor of the Year is open to all instructors employed in the United States as active civilian Certified Flight Instructors.

To be eligible for Maintenance Technician of the Year, the nominee must be a full-time FAA certified aviation mechanic or FCC licensed technician working on general aviation aircraft or accessories.

Steps leading to selection of the final national winners include the on-going distribution of award applications, the closing of nominations—which are submitted to the nearest FAA General Aviation Flight Standards District office by July 31, 1984, the selection of nine regional winners, and then the selection of the national winner in Washington, D.C. on September 17, 1984. The national award will be presented in Washington on Wednesday, October 17, 1984. ➔

First AOPA Pinch Hitter award given

The first AOPA Air Safety Foundation AOPA PINCH-HITTER Award has gone to Jane Turner of Phoenix, AZ in recognition of her successful real-life application of AOPA's popular PINCH-HITTER course.

Mrs. Turner was presented the award by Edward Peery of the AOPA Air Safety Foundation at a recent Aviation Awards Banquet in Phoenix. On behalf of AOPA and the Foundation, Peery congratulated Mrs. Turner on her "courage and quick thinking" in the face of near-tragedy.

In November, 1983, Mrs. Turner, her husband Bruce, and two friends were flying a Cherokee when Mr. Turner suffered a heart attack and became incapacitated. From the rear right seat, Mrs. Turner, who had taken the AOPA PINCH-HITTER course, immediately grabbed the headset, and began relaying instructions to Editha Merrill, a 78-year-old great grandmother, with no pilot experience, who was sitting in the front right seat.

Through the efforts of Major Thomas O'Connell, Civil Air Patrol, Capt. Forrest Kline, also CAP, Mr. Jack Seeley, a commercial pilot and CFI, and Mr. Bob Baker, a retired airline pilot, the women flew the single-engine craft away from nearby mountains, climbed to a safe altitude, and flew back to Luke Air Force Base, where a safe landing was made with no injury to the occupants and virtually no damage to the plane. Mrs. Turner said at the time, "It was a fairly hard landing. We just rolled off the runway and managed to turn the switches off, and all of a sudden everybody was there helping us." Mr. Turner was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The AOPA Air Safety Foundation's PINCH-HITTER course, developed in 1962, has been attended by more than 30,000 non-pilots. More than 10,000 PINCH-HITTER graduates have gone on to become licensed pilots. ➔



Charleston Marriott Hotel

Jonathan Howe, John Baker to speak at Airport Conference

Johnathan Howe, FAA Southern Regional Director and John Baker, head of the 200,000-member Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) will be keynote speakers at the Seventh Annual South Carolina Airports Conference next month in Charleston.

Baker, an outspoken champion for "the Little Guy" has often opposed FAA positions on general aviation issues. Howe, a Yale trained lawyer and former deputy regional director, was appointed director of the 13-state FAA region in 1981. Both speakers

should provide for an interesting, lively debate.

The conference will be held Aug. 29-31 at the Airport Marriott, one of the newest facilities in the port city.

Conference topics will include panel discussions on airport profitability and airfield pavement maintenance, a presentation on airport public relations and a mini-planning conference with airport sponsors to discuss planning and construction needs for the coming year. Friday morning, attendees will be treated to a tour of the new Charleston International Passenger Terminal building.

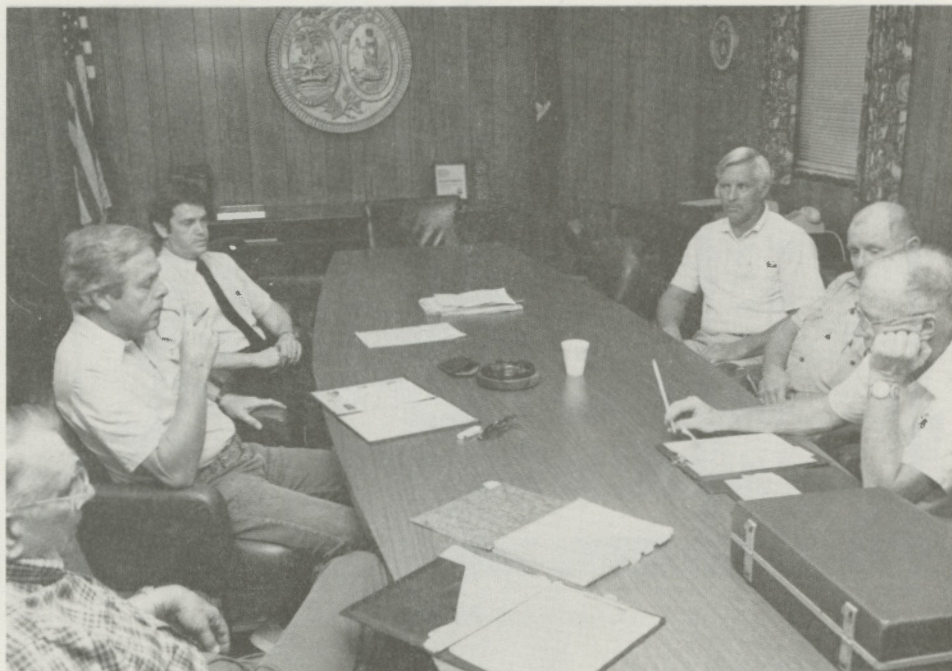
Room rates during the conference are \$45 for a single and \$55 for a double. Those planning to attend should make reservations before Aug. 8. If you have not received a reservation request form, tell the reservations clerk you will be attending the S.C. Airports Conference so you will be eligible for the lower room rate.

Conference registration will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29. A reception will be held that evening beginning at 6 p.m. The first business meeting will begin the following morning at 9 am.

6,535 pilots in South Carolina

According to the records of the Federal Aviation Administration, the number of licensed pilots, by category, in South Carolina, is as follows:

Student	1506
Private	2764
Commercial	1758
ATP	507
Total	6535



Board meets

Officers and board members of the S.C. Agricultural Aviation Association met last month at the S.C. Aeronautics Commission in Columbia. Roland Richardson, left, first vice president, was appointed chairman of the convention committee to determine a site for the annual convention next February. Members present include, from left, Jack Barry, executive secretary; Don Steed, president; Alan Alexander, director representing the Aeronautics Commission; John Roberts, member Bob Dorn, member and Roland Richardson (S.C. Aeronautics Photo).

Cynthia Lucas named to board at Hawthorne

Hawthorne Corporation, a Charleston based company, recently announced the election of Cynthia Lucas to the position of Corporate Secretary and member of the Board of Directors of the corporation, as well as all of its subsidiary companies. The announcement was made by Board Chairman, Vernon B. Strickland.

Ms. Lucas will continue to function in her roles of Vice President of Atlantic National Corporation, a leasing company, and Vice President of Hawthorne Recreational Services, a subsidiary which owns Oakbrook Lanes in Summerville.

In making the announcement, Vernon Strickland said, "Her performance in these positions of increasing responsibility gives us confidence of her ability to serve the company well as Corporate Secretary and board member.

Ms. Lucas joined Hawthorne in 1978 as Sales Coordinator for the Aero Sales Division of the company. She has since served as Manager of Personnel and Administration, and currently as Vice President of two subsidiary corporations. ➔

Georgetown County targets development near airport

A major marketing program, designed to attract aircraft related industries to a new industrial park being completed next to the Georgetown County Airport, was announced last month by the Georgetown County Development

REWARD OFFERED

A \$2,500 reward is being offered for information leading to the recovery of a 1970 Cessna turbo 210 stolen from Bowman Field, Kentucky last month.

The aircraft, N-8823H, has a light brown exterior with dark brown stripes and a brown interior. It has small "N" numbers and is equipped with a three-bladed prop. It was stolen from Kentucky Flying Service between June 2 and 9. The serial number is 210-59314.

The reward is being offered by United States Aviation Underwriters, Inc. New York City. To report information about the aircraft call Marshall Dean or Mike Barrett in Atlanta at (404) 522-9970 or David Mulhall in New York (212) 952-0100. ➔

Commission.

The program will emphasize a variety of industrial and economic opportunities in the Georgetown area. Land in the park immediately adjacent to the airport will be available for aircraft related industries. Other sites will be available for industries requiring facilities for the accommodation of corporate aircraft. Sites fronting 17 South will be utilized for campus industry activities such as offices and research.

Jack M. Kendree, executive director of the Georgetown County Development Commission, said the marketing program will be a joint effort of the airport commission and the development commission and will be tied into a major airport improvement program, recently endorsed by county council.

Part of the airport improvement program calls for a precision instrument approach which would lower the present minimums from 640 feet to 200 feet. Airport Commission Chairman Clyde Stalvey said the lowered minimums will enable more aircraft to use the airport on days when fog or low visibility obscures the field. ➔

CAE to test emergency plan during exercise

The Columbia Metropolitan Airport will conduct a simulated emergency exercise Aug. 4 to see how well airport and area emergency teams respond.

The exercise will simulate the crash, on the airport, of an inbound airliner with 153 passengers and eight crew.

To provide for maximum possible realism, participants will respond from their actual locations at the time of the simulated crash. In addition to the airport crash, fire, rescue units, local, state and federal agencies and six area hospitals will be involved in the exercise.

Airport management personnel who would like to observe the exercise can call John Baxter at 803/794-3427. ➔

Runway Lights for sale at Berkeley County

Approximately 68 low intensity runway lights, runway end lights and two taxiway lights are for sale at Berkeley County Airport. Call Skip Mayberry, 761-8691. ➔

AOPA Convention October 24 - 27 in Nashville

The 29th Annual Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Convention and Industry Exhibit will be held in Nashville, Tennessee October 24-27, 1984.

More than 25 workshops will be given, over 150 manufacturers will be on hand, and speakers include FAA Administrator Donald D. Engen.

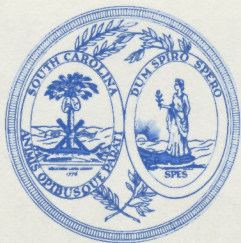
Special sessions for low-time pilots and beginners will be featured, and the first annual Used Airplane Auction will be held.

For more information, contact Stephen R. Bassett, (301) 695-2160, Patricia E. Weil, (301) 695-2156 or Ann Kilian (301) 695-2052. ➔



CAE gets crack sealer

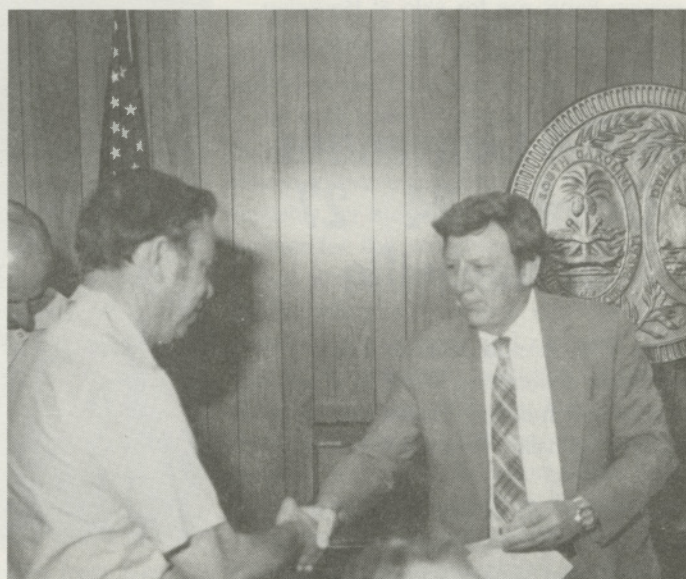
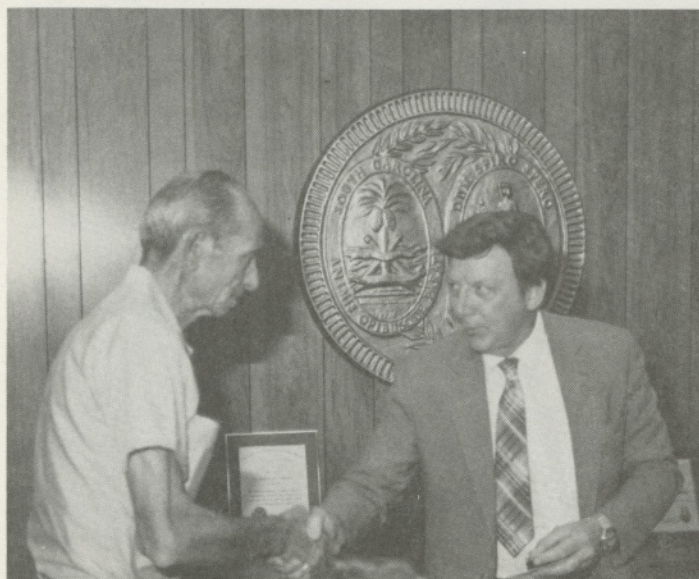
Columbia Metropolitan Airport maintenance personnel last month began using a new crack sealing machine to seal cracks in asphalt taxiways and runways. Public Safety Director John Baxter said the cracks are first routed to a depth of 1/2 inch using a random crack saw. Rubberized asphalt, heated to 400 degrees F is then pumped into the crack through a hose and nozzle. Baxter said the airport should save money doing its own crack sealing rather than contracting it out. The sealer, crack saw and asphalt mix were purchased for \$17,000. (S.C. Aeronautics Commission Photo).



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SCAC employees receive safety awards



John Tate, left, maintenance supervisor, and Dan Reeves, electrician, receive safety awards from South Carolina Aeronautics Commission chairman Ralph Schmidt. Both men have been driving for The Commission for more than 20 years without an accident.

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